

Remarks

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

Group I, claims 1-55

Group II, claims 56-64

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The Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-55.

The Examiner also required an election of species, should Group I be chosen, from among the tissue types of heart muscle, skeletal muscle, brain, kidney, liver, an organ of the GI tract, coronary blood vessels, peripheral blood vessels, atrophied muscle, skin, and lung.

The Applicants elect the species of heart muscle.

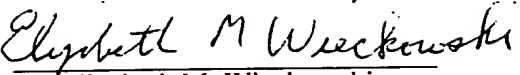
The claims readable on the elected species are: 1-3, 5-16, 18-25, 27-34, 36-49, and 53-55.

The time for responding to the Office Action was set for August 16, 2002. Therefore, it is believed that this Response is timely and that no fee is required for extension of time. If this is in error, please treat this paper as including a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period sufficient to permit the filing of a response and charge the required fee to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

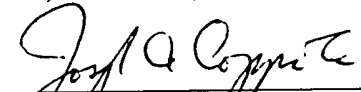
The Applicants hereby also make a Conditional Petition for any relief available to correct any defect seen in connection with this filing, or any defect seen to be remaining in this application after this filing. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Kenyon & Kenyon's

Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for the Petition fee and any other fees required to effect this Conditional Petition.

Respectfully submitted,


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